

# House File 238 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to pupil enrollment in a course or program that  
2 includes instruction in human growth and development and the  
3 information and forms that must be provided to the parent or  
4 guardian of a pupil prior to such enrollment.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.50, subsections 3 and 5, Code 2021,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 3. Each school board shall annually provide to a parent  
4 or guardian of any pupil enrolled in the school district,  
5 information about the human growth and development curriculum  
6 used in the pupil's grade level and, including but not limited  
7 to all of the topics the curriculum covers, the procedure for  
8 inspecting the instructional materials prior to their use in  
9 the classroom, a course enrollment consent form, and a form  
10 which the parent or guardian shall sign and return to the  
11 school that provides written verification that the parent or  
12 guardian acknowledges receipt of the information provided  
13 pursuant to this subsection.

14 5. A school district shall not enroll a pupil ~~shall not be~~  
15 ~~required to take in a course of instruction in human growth and~~  
16 ~~development if~~ unless the pupil's parent or guardian signs and  
17 files with the appropriate principal a written request that the  
18 pupil be excused from the instruction the course enrollment  
19 consent form and the form providing written verification  
20 acknowledging receipt of the information provided pursuant  
21 to subsection 3. ~~Notification that the written request may~~  
22 ~~be made shall be included in the information provided by the~~  
23 ~~school district.~~

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill provides that information regarding the human  
28 growth and development curriculum that must be provided  
29 annually to the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in the  
30 school district must include all of the topics the curriculum  
31 covers, a course enrollment form, and a form which the  
32 parent or guardian must sign and return that provides written  
33 verification that the parent or guardian acknowledges receipt  
34 of the information provided. Under the bill, a school shall  
35 not enroll a pupil in a course of instruction in human growth

1 and development unless the parent or guardian signs and files  
2 such forms with the appropriate principal.

3     Currently, a pupil shall not be required to take instruction  
4 in human growth and development if the pupil's parent or  
5 guardian files with the appropriate principal a written request  
6 that the pupil be excused from the instruction.